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SUBJ: UAE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN

REF: A. ABU DHABI 1665

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SUMMARY: UAE FOREIGN MINISTER, RETURNING HOME FROM ASSISTING SHAIKH ZAID IN STATE VISIT TO INDIA, CALLED ON PM BHUTTO AT LATTER'S SIND HOME WHILE ACCOMPANYING DELEGATION PARTICIPATED IN MEETING OF PAK-UAE MINISTERIAL COMMISSION IN ISLAMABAD. COMMISSION DISCUSSED COOPERATION ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (OIL REFINERY AND FERTILIZER JOINT VENTURES IN MULTAN) AND RECENTLY CONCLUDED OIL AGREEMENT. NOTE: CONCESSIONAL PRICE TERMS MAY HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN OIL AGREEMENT. SHAIKH ZIAD TO PAY OFFICIAL VISIT HERE IN FEBRUARY. END SUMMARY.

1. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FOREIGN MINISTER A. K. AL-SUWEIDI, ON TWO DAY VISIT TO PAKISTAN BEGINNING JANUARY 6, ANNOUNCED THAT UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAID  
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WILL PAY OFFICIAL VISIT HERE SOON. SUWEIDI, WHO

ARRIVED FROM BOMBAY WHERE HE HAD ACCOMPANIED ZAID ON  
STATE VISIT TO INDIA, CALLED ON PRIMIN BHUTTO AT

LATTER'S HOME IN  
LARKANA, SIND, WHILE MEMBERS OF HIS  
DELEGATION PARTICIPATED IN MEETING OF PAK-UAE MINISTERIAL  
COMMISSION.

2. AT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION MEETING (ESTABLISHMENT  
OF COMMISSION REPORTED REF B), UAE SIDE HEADED BY  
GHANEN AL-MARUI, DIRGEN OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS WHILE  
PAK DEL LED BY AFTAB AHMED KHAN, SECRETARY, ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS DIVISION. ACCORDING TO PRESS, MEETING DEALT  
WITH TWO COUNTRIES' COOPERATION IN MAY DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECTS.

3. EMBOFF DISCUSSED VISIT JANUARY 13 WITH UAE EMBOFF  
A. R. ABDULLAH, WHO SAID ARABS HAD NO PARTICULAR PROGRAM  
IN MIND WHEN THEY CAME BUT WERE MERELY FOLLOWING  
AGREED UPON PROCEDURE SET AT ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION,  
I.E., THAT TWO SIDES WOULD EXCHANGE VISITS AT FORMIN  
LEVEL ANNUALLY. THUS, MIN OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AZIZ AHMED WENT TO ABU DHABI IN MAY,  
WITH SUWEIDI NOW RETURNING VISIT. ITEMS DISCUSSED  
IN JANUARY 7 COMMISSION MEETING, ABDULLAH STATED, WERE  
THE TWO PAK-UAE JOINT PROJECTS AT MULTAN, (AN OIL  
REFINERY AND FERTILIZER PLANT) AND RECENT OIL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN TWO STATES.

4. UNDER OIL AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS BRIEFLY REPORTED  
LOCAL PRESS JANUARY 7, UAE IS ANNUALLY TO SUPPLY PAKS  
WITH ONE MILLION TONS OF CRUDE, POSSIBLY AT CON-  
CESSIONAL PRICES. TO GET PRICE DETAILS WHICH PRESS  
REPORTS "WERE WITHHELD", EMBOFF RAISED SUBJECT WITH  
ABDULLAH, WHOSE ENGLISH IS MORE THAN PASSABLE. HE  
INITIALLY USED TERM "CONCESSIONAL RATES", THEN,  
BECOMING EMBARRASSED AND BACK PEDALING, TRIED "AT  
BROTHERLY RATES". WITHOUT EVER SAYING WHAT PRICE WAS  
ACTUALLY AGREED TO, HE THEN OBSERVED THAT LONG TERM  
PAYMENT PLAN ESTABLISHED WHICH AMOUNTED TO A CON-  
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CESSIONAL RATE. AS ABDULLAH OBVIOUSLY UNCOMFORTABLE  
WITH SUBJECT, EMBOFF DID NOT PRESS BUT WAS LEFT WITH  
DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT PAKS WILL BE GETTING UAE  
OIL AT FIGURE SOMEWHAT BELOW WORLD PRICE.

5. UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAID PLANS TO ARRIVE HERE IN  
EARLY FEBRUARY AND COMMENCE HIS OFFICIAL VISIT  
(PURPOSE NOT DISCUSSED) AFTER A STINT OF HAWKING ON

HIS HUNTING PRESERVE NEAR RAHIM YAR KHAN. ZAID HAS THREE PALACES HERE, ABDULLAH DISCLOSED, THAT AT RAHIM YAR KHAN "ONE OF THE LARGEST IN PAKISTAN", PLUS TWO IN OR NEAR KARACHI, WHILE VICE PRESIDENT SHAIKH RASHID ALSO MAINTAINS HUNTING PALACE NEAR BAHAWALPUR.

6. COMMENT: FOR MONTHS, EMBASSY HAS BEEN ON THE ALERT FOR ANY MENTION OF ARAB OR PERSIAN CONCESSIONAL OIL PRICES TO PAKISTAN. ABDULLAH'S IS FIRST LEAD WE HAVE COME UP WITH TO DATE. IF TRUE, IT MUST BE DUE TO THE CLOSE MILITARY/ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES AND THE PERSONAL LINKS WHICH SHAIKH ZAID HAS WITH PAKISTAN.  
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